

*Memorandum*

*Utah Department of Transportation*

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To: Bradley Powell, Environmental Specialist  
Horrocks Engineers

From: Paul W. West, Wetlands/Wildlife Biologist  
UDOT, Environmental Services

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Date: August 3, 2006

RE: STP-15-7(212)324E – I-15, Layton Interchange, Davis County (PIN 4449)

CC: Betsy Skinner – UDOT, Environmental Services  
Greg Punske – FHWA  
Chris Lizotte – UDOT, Region I  
Scott Walker – UDWR, Northern Region  
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I understand that the scope of the above reference project is to prepare an EIS for improvements to the Layton Interchange on I-15 (exit 330) in Davis County (see location map).

A review of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) database indicates that Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and western yellow-billed cuckoos (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*) are known to exist in Davis County. However, based on the proximity of this project to known sites for these species it is my opinion that this project should have no effect to them, or to any other federally listed, threatened, endangered, or candidate species, or any critical habitat.

In accordance with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service memo dated January 27, 2006, we no longer require concurrence letters from them for “no-effect” determinations, therefore, this memo is issued in-lieu of their concurrence letter for your environmental documentation.

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In addition, as required in the UDOT Environmental Study Form, I have evaluated the above-referenced project with respect to wildlife issues using the Utah Division of Wildlife (UDWR) database, UDOT’s Traffic and Safety database, and the wildlife connectivity database.

Based on the above-mentioned databases, this project should have no negative effect to state sensitive species, important wildlife habitat, big game migration routes, habitat connectivity, or fish passage.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 965-4672.



Figure 1. Layton Interchange Environmental Impact Statement Study Area